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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Poonung CHIENG Confirmation No: 1731  
Appl. No. : 10/549,255  
Filed : September 13, 2005  
Title : AN ARTIFICIAL HIP JOINT WITHOUT A SHAFT  
  
TC/A.U. : 3709  
Examiner : J.R. Sigler  
  
Docket No.: : CHIE3082/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of August 14, 2007, in connection with the above identified application. The period for response to this Official Action is set to expire on November 14, 2007. This response is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 4 and include three (3) attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.